THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (d) 9036 proposals have been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh during 2002-2003 under Swajaldhara Programe Out of 9036, 1728 Schemes have been sanctioned during 2002-2003. The powers to sanction Schemes have been delegated to the District Implementing Agencies, out of the funds allocated to the States, *w.e.f.* 2003-2004.

Central assistance to Orissa under PMGSY

2503. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Central assistance granted to Orissa under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the fiscal 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) the number of projects so far completed, number of on-going projects and details of those yet to be taken up; and

(c) the time frame within which these works would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) An amount of Rs.345.09 crore was released to Orissa during the years 2001-02 and 2002-03 under the PMGSY.

(b) Out of 654 road works cleared dor the two years, the State Government has reported that 245 road works have been completed and 302 are on-going 61 road works were dropped due to non-availability of land and other reasons. Another 46 road works have not yet been taken up due to tenders not being received or due to Court cases and other reasons.

(c) The State Government has indicated that the road works have been targeted for completion by December, 2003/March, 2004.

Projects for upliftment of rural poor

2504. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: